

# Enterprise Application Guide v6.x



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## **About IT Service Management (ITSM)**

ITSM is an ITIL-based service management solution developed by FrontRange Solutions. ITSM has several service management modules; (Incident Management, Problem Management, Change Management, Release Management, Inventory Management, etc.) The Enterprise tool at this time has Incident and Change implemented. The product was purchased in 2007 to upgrade from the HEAT Incident Management system, to allow for an "Enterprise" configuration which provides the necessary security functionality.

ITSM is installed on an application server residing at ITD and accessed via a thin client. Allowing the software to be kept up to date without making changes to the users' workstation. The following agencies have one or more people accessing ITSM; Information Technology Dept(ITD), North Dakota Association of Counties(NDACo), Criminal Justice Information System(CJIS), Department of Human Services(DHS), Office of Management & Budget(OMB), North Dakota Employees Retirement System(NDPERS), Job Service North Dakota(JSND) and the Bank of North Dakota(BND).

The "Enterprise Service Desk" encompasses a range of services, including the ability to process incidents, problems, inquiries, changes, and service requests. The Enterprise Service Desk is the single-point-of-contact between the customer and the IT services; with the obligation to keep customers informed of service events, actions, and opportunities that are likely to impact their business.

The Enterprise Service Desk is a function that is critical to the whole concept of IT Service Management, with the Enterprise Service Desk representatives being accountable for all Incidents, monitoring the status and progress and relaying the information to the customer. The goal of the Enterprise Service Desk is to ensure that normal service is restored for the customer within the agreed service levels.

The Enterprise Service Desk supports a variety of customers, including all levels of government, political subdivisions, cities and counties, higher education, K-12, Edu-Tech, public health units, tribal colleges, libraries, emergency services, commercial, private businesses, and the general public.

The Enterprise Service Desk also works with the North Dakota University Systems transferring incident information between the two locations.

To facilitate a 24x7 Enterprise Service Desk, ITD's Operations staff assist during the evening hours while the Enterprise Service Desk staff perform after-hours and on-call responsibilities which are on the weekends and holidays.

Incidents are events that are either caused by or may cause an interruption in the quality of service. Each incident is stored by a unique incident number.

The Enterprise Service Desk and ITD's Operations staff are the only individuals that have access to create incidents manually. Incidents can also be created via automation such as; Self Service, Sitescope, Web Security, etc.



## **Documentation Guidelines**

Everyone using the Incident Management system shall follow the same documentation guidelines. 'Incident as reported by customer', 'Narrative', and 'Resolution sent to customer' fields need to have spelling and grammar correct in order to provide a polished, professional image to the customer.

Avoid typing in ALL CAPS. This sometimes implies yelling and is often seen as offensive. Use appropriate capitalization and punctuation.

Limit abbreviations (unless common).

Check for spelling errors.

Use descriptive responses. Remember, this information is going back to the customer.

Elaborate on the Resolution sent to the customer. Do not use shortcuts such as: "Completed", "Fixed", "Closed", "Called User", "Done", etc. Let the customer know what was fixed, and restate key information you may have told them. It is not necessary to document word for word the steps to resolution. However, include enough information so that someone reading the Incident for the first time could have a reasonable understanding of what occurred.

Keep a positive and concise tone. Write as if you are talking to someone.

Remember your audience. You will need to adjust your style when responding to technical and non-technical customers.



## General cycle of an incident

An incident is created when a customer contacts the Enterprise Service Desk with a problem via a phone call, email; or through an automated process setup to pass the information to the Incident Management system via email.

The following is an example based on a customer calling the Enterprise Service Desk.

- a. If the customer is not on file then the Analyst will obtain the necessary information to create the customer's information. If the customer is on file then the Analyst will verify the information on file with the customer.
- b. If the customer is calling for someone else in their office then their information will be stored in the 'Incident as reported by customer' field.
- c. Based on the problem that is being reported, the Analyst will determine the appropriate **Service Name**. These fields are mainly used for searching and/or reporting purposes.
- d. **Impact & Urgency** are selected based on the customers urgency in getting the problem resolved along with the impact on their departments core business.
  - The **priority** is then auto generated from these selections.
- e. The Analyst will attempt to enter the problem as described from the customer as fully as possible to assist staff in determining what needs to be done.
- f. The 'Closed information sent to customer' is filled in by technical staff when a resolution has been given to the customer. This is done at the time the incident is being closed.
- g. The **Received By/Modified By/Closed By** information is displayed to show who created the incident, when it was last modified, and who closed the incident.
- h. When an incident is closed the customer will have the opportunity to take a short survey.
- i. The Service Level Objective (SLO) Date/Time is a calculated date time.
  - The priority and the Received Date/Time are used in the calculation to show the customer that our objective is to have the problem resolved by that time.
- j. **Override Received Date/Time** is used by On Call staff to override the actual Received Date/Time when entering the incidents they handle outside of normal working hours.
- k. **Override Closed Date/Time** is used by On Call staff to override the Closed Date/Time when closing incidents they handle outside of normal working hours.
- I. The detail screen is generated based on input from the Analyst, there are only a few such screens in the system.
  - o If a detail screen is present, additional specific data is entered by the Analysts.
- m. On the assignment screen the Analyst will assign the incident to an appropriate resolver group.
  - Some divisions have a 'Tier 2' group which handles all incoming problems to their area for further research, determination to resolution or if it requires escalation to their tier 3, resolver group.
  - o There is no limit on the number of assignments that can occur.
- n. Journals records are added as needed.
  - There are no requirements for a journal to be created or a creation limit.
  - o The category is used to determine internal or external communication.
- o. When the problem has been resolved:
  - The last assignment is resolved.
  - A resolution description is entered.
  - The incident is closed.



## Starting the application and logging in

- Click on the ITSM desktop icon.
- When the Login screen appears, enter your NDGOV username and password.
- Click Login

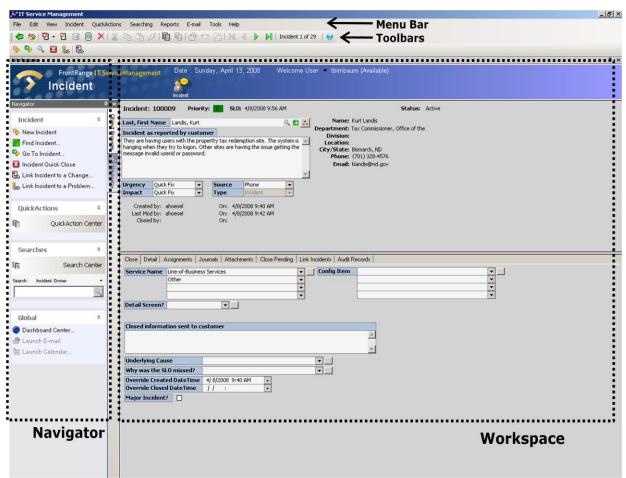




## **Navigating Service Management**

- About the Application window
  - Menu bar used to access operations
  - Toolbars used to provide shortcuts to commonly used operations
  - Navigator used to initiate frequently used actions (such as the Search Center)
    - The Dashboard is the main window upon login. It is a customized screen with three gauges on top, with a multi-view grid below with a variety of options.
    - You can dock it on the left side of the workspace, let it float in a convenient location, or close it completely.
  - Workspace used to display information about the Incident
    - o Identifies the active modules you have access to.
    - o Same as navigator, you can auto-hide and/or close it completely.
    - Note: system developed with the resolution of 1152 x 864

## **Application Window**





## **Incident Home Page**

#### **Dashboard Center**

- The top three gauges explain the following:
  - My Team's Unacknowledged Assignments: The number of open incidents where an assignment to your team, yourself or anyone on your team is not acknowledged.
  - My Team's SLO Missed With Communication: The number of open incidents where an assignment to your team, yourself or anyone on your team; did have customer communication within the stated time for that priority.
  - My Team's SLO Missed Without Communication: The number of open incidents where an assignment to your team, yourself or anyone on your team; did not have customer communication within the stated time for that priority.
  - The gauges refresh every two minutes.
- The lower two thirds of the Home Page are used to show different grid information based on your selection in the drop down.
  - The grid automatically refreshs every two minutes.





## **Incident Record**

- a. **Incident**: unique sequential incident number assigned by the system
- b. **Priority**: 1 thru 6 each with a unique color:
  - 1=red, 2=orange, 3=green, 4=blue, 5=medium green, 6=dark green
  - The priority value is derived from the calculation of Urgency and Impact. Please refer to Appendix A for the priority matrix.
- c. **SLO**: (Service Level Objective) the date/time that we have given the customer as to when they can expect to have their problem resolved. This date/time is calculated from the date/time that the incident was created and using the following rules:
  - Priority 1 is 2 hours 24x7
  - Priority 2 is 4 hours 24x7
  - Priority 3 is 9 working hours
  - Priority 4 is 27 working hours
  - Priority 5 is 45 working hours
  - Priority 6 is 15 minutes 24x7
- d. **Lead Call**: shown in red and designating this incident as the lead call over other similar reported calls that have been linked to this one.
- e. **Linked Call**: shown in yellow when the incident has been designated as part of a larger problem, and it shows the Lead Call incident number.
- f. **Status**: four types of incident; Logged, Active, Resolved & Closed.
  - Logged the incident is active but has not yet been assigned to a team
  - Active the incident has been assigned to a team
  - Resolved the incident has been assigned to a team but was put into a Resolved state by staff
  - Closed the incident has been closed
- g. First Last Name the customers full name as we have them on file
  - The three icons to the right allow for:
    - Searching for a customer
    - Bringing up that customers profile record
    - Creating a new customer profile

#### h. Customer Information:

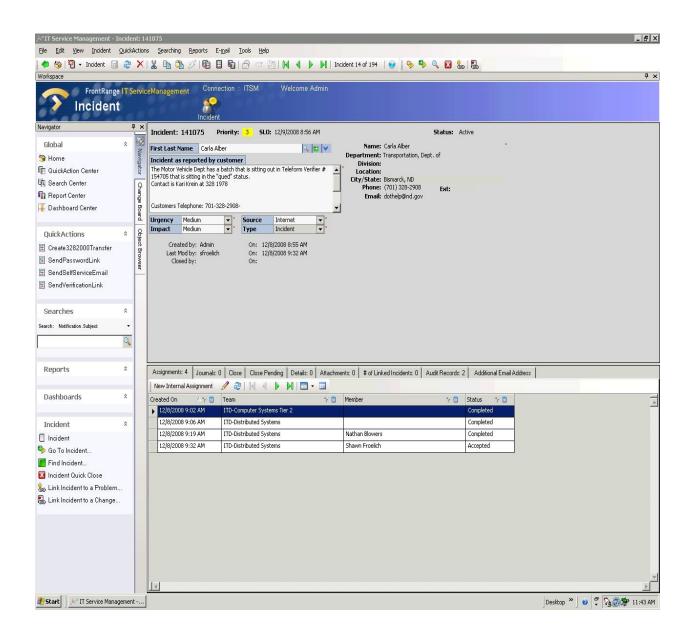
- Full customer name
- Department name and number
- Division
- Location
- City/State
- Phone number
- Email Address
- i. **VIP** if marked as VIP, the word 'VIP' is shown in red beneath the name.
- j. Incident as reported by customer Description of the incident as reported by the customer.
- k. **Urgency** Customer's tolerance for delay. High, Medium, Low, and Quick Fix
- Impact A measure of the effect of an incident on Business Processes. High, Medium, Low, and Quick Fix
- m. **Source** Where the incident originated from.
- n. Created by: Who created the incident and date/time
- o. Last Mod by: Who last modified the incident and date/time
- p. **Closed by:** Who closed the incident and date/time



## **Assignments Tab**

Click this tab to show all the assignment records for the incident.

- Multiple assignments can be 'open' at any time.
- # = number of assignments
- Definition of ownership of an incident.
  - (Non closed Incident) the team/individual of the oldest open assignment.
  - (Closed Incident) the team/individual of the last completed assignment.
- Team = assignment teams within ITSM, prefixed by their agency ID.
- Member = individual within the assignment team.
- Status = Assigned assigned to a team or member but not yet acknowledged Accepted - acknowledged by the team or a member Completed - completed by the team or a member

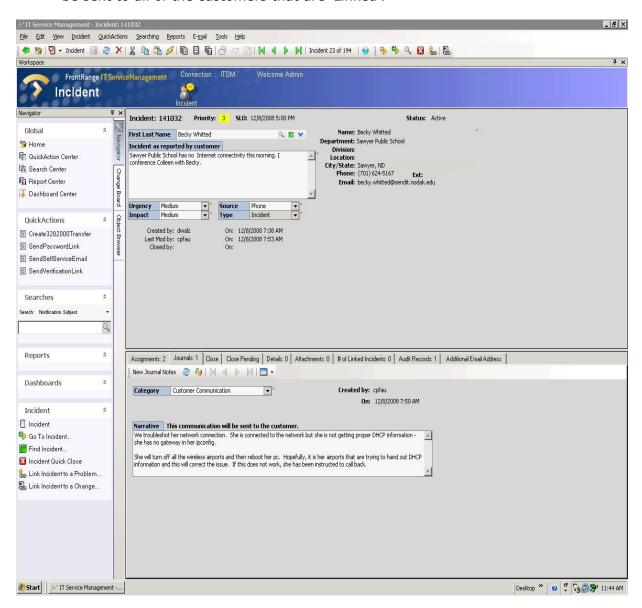




#### **Journals Tab**

Click this tab to show all the Journal records created for the incident.

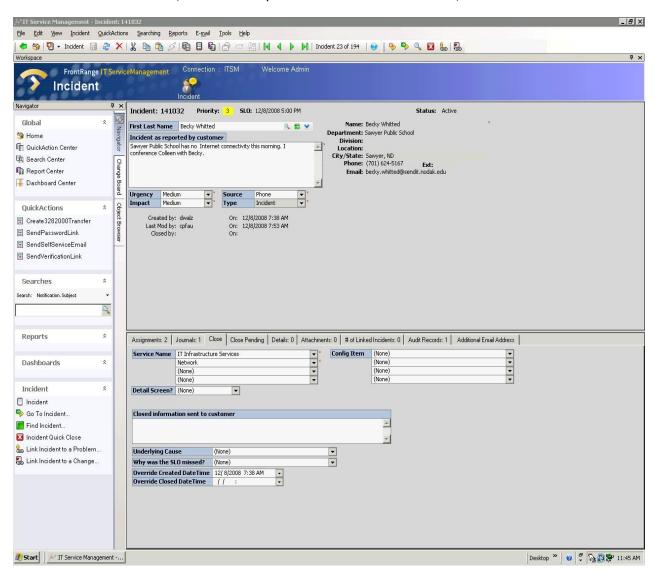
- # = number of assignments
- Category = Customer Communication narrative is emailed to the customer.
- Category = Internal Communication narrative is not emailed.
- Narrative Journal note.
- Created By/On Who created the journal and when.
- If the incidents is a 'Lead Call' and it is Customer Communication, then the email will be sent to all of the customers that are 'Linked'.





#### Close Tab

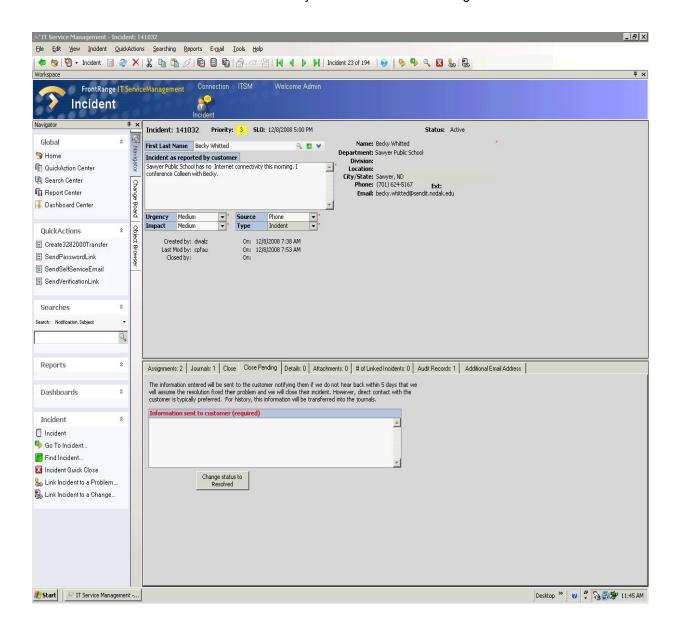
- Click this tab to show all the information relating to closing of the incident.
- Service Name Service catalog classification of the reported service affected. The first two levels are required, and all four levels are constrained.
- Config Item Configuration item that relates to the incident. This item is optional but if used the first two levels are constrained.
- Detail Screen yes/no for the Service Desk or Operations to select if a Detail Screen of data is needed.
- If this is a Lead incident then information will be displayed explaining that any information entered will be sent to all the Linked incidents.
- Closed information sent to customer where you enter the solution or workaround for the customer.
- Underlying Cause what/who caused the problem.
- Why was the SLO missed required selection if you are closing the incident after the SLO date/time has past.
- Override Created Date/Time ability to override when the incident was created.
- Override Closed Date/Time ability to override the closed date/time.





## **Close Pending Tab**

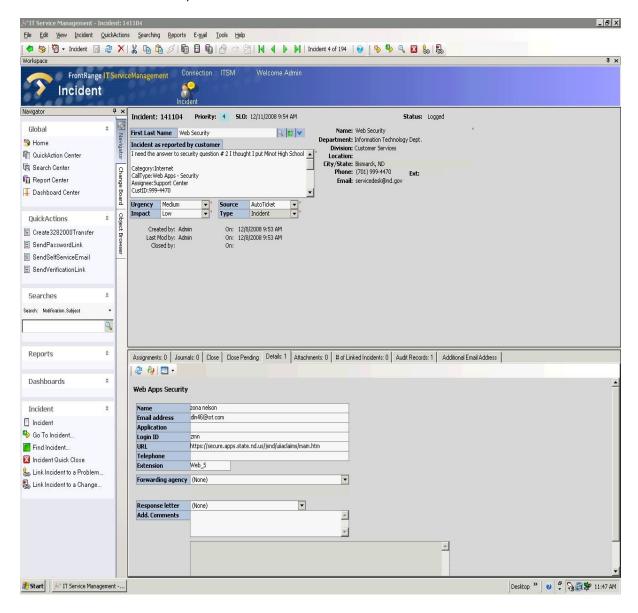
- Click this tab to 'Resolve' or 'Change back to Active' the incident.
- The buttons on the tab are controlled by the Status of the incident. In order to 'Resolve' an incident it must have a current status of 'Active'. In order to 'Change back to Active' an incident it must have a current status of 'Resolved'.
- You must enter information before clicking on the button to do the process.
- If you are 'Resolving' the incident then the information you enter will be automatically inserted into the Close Description.
- An email will be sent to the customer with the information you enter.
- No there is no limit to the number of times you can 'Resolve' or 'Change back to Active' and incident.





#### **Details Tab**

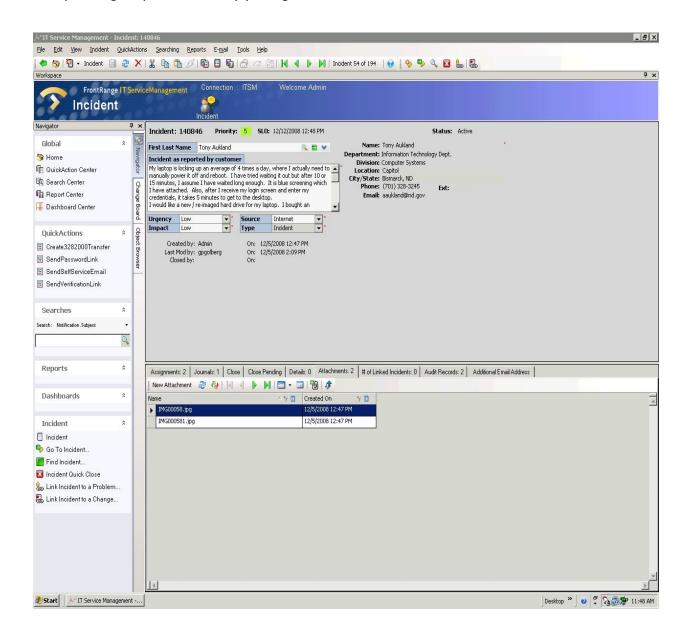
- Click this tab to show Detail information on particular problems.
- There are three types of Detail screens:
  - Web Apps Security used when a customer has problems logging into a state agency web site that has the code to request assistance from the Enterprise Service Desk.
  - o Contact Us used when a customer clicks on the Contact Us link on the state portal.
  - o Batch used by ITD Operations when a mainframe job abends.
- # = 0 then no details, # = 1 then detail screen exists





## **Attachments Tab**

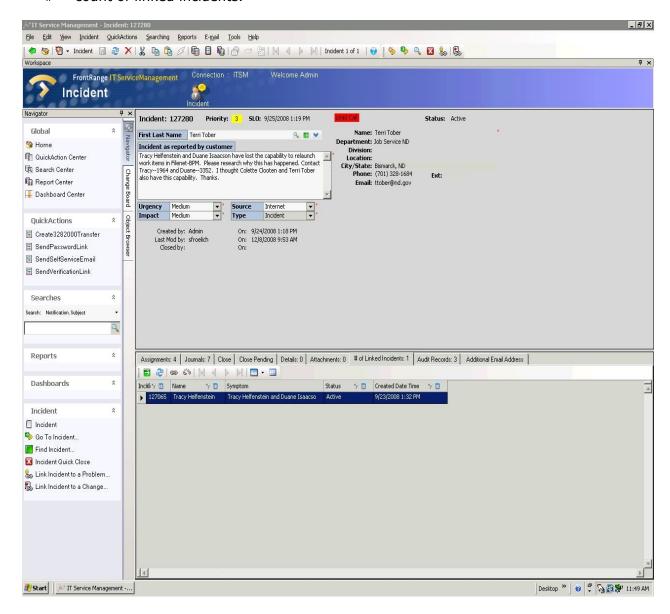
- Click this tab to show you all of the attachments for this incident.
- # = number of attachments
- The grid view allows you to view any of the attachments.
- Clicking New Attachment will allow you to add any type of file to this incident.
- If you are attaching sensitive data files be aware that viewing of an incident is controlled by the agency of the team(s) assigned to the incident.





## # of Linked Incidents Tab

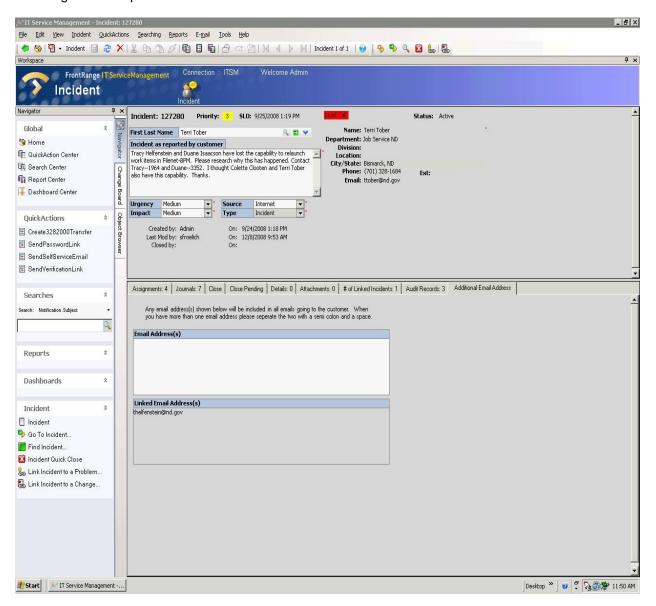
- click this tab to show all the linked incidents.
- # = count of linked incidents.



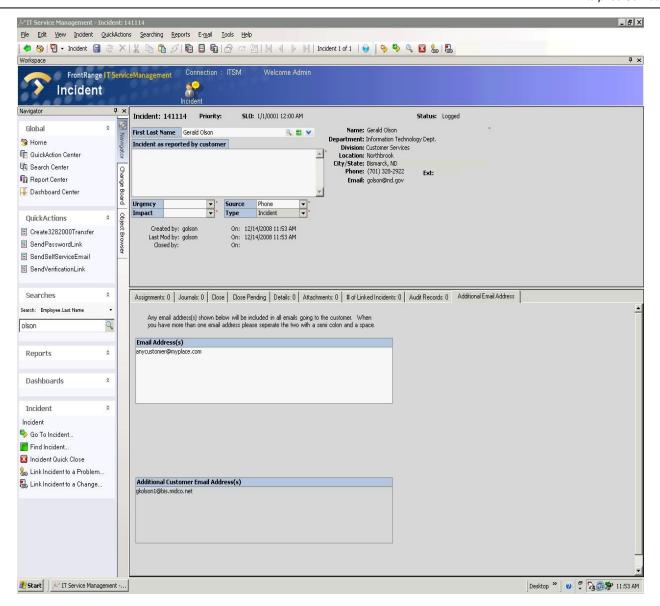


#### Additional Email Address Tab

- Click this tab to show the 3 types of CC email address's fields for this incident.
- Email Address(s) allows anyone working on this incident to add additional contact email address's.
- Linked Email Address(s) only show when the incident is a Lead Call. The email address(s) shown are all the customer(s) of the linked incidents. This data is read only and used for sending emails to all linked incidents when the Lead Call customer is emailed.
- Additional Customer Email Address(s) is read only and contains additional email address's as assigned in the profile record.









## **Appendix A - Quick Reference**

### **Upon notification of an incident:**

- Start ITSM using the icon on your desktop
- Log into ITSM using your ndgov userid and password
- Click Find, Click Go to record, enter the incident # and click ok
- Review the 'Incident as reported by customer' field
- Click on the assignment tab
  - If the last assignment is to your team and you are going to work the incident, then:
    - Click on that assignment row
    - Click on the edit Pencil
    - Click on the Accept button
    - Click on the Complete button
    - Click on the Save button
    - Click on New Internal Assignment
    - Select your team from the Team drop down list
    - Select yourself from the Assignee drop down list
    - Click on the Accept button
    - Click on the Save button
    - o Click on the Incident Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window
  - If the last assignment is to your team and you are going to reassign it to another person on your team, then:
    - o Click on that assignment row
    - Click on the edit Pencil
    - Click on the Accept button
    - Click on the Complete button
    - Click on the Save button
    - Click on New Internal Assignment
    - Select your team from the Team drop down list
    - o Select the person you are assigning this to from the Assignee drop down list
    - Click on the Save button
    - Click on the Incident Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window
  - If the last assignment is to your team and you are going to reassign it to another team, then:
    - Click on that assignment row
    - Click on the edit Pencil
    - Click on the Accept button
    - Click on the Complete button
    - Click on the Save button
    - o Click on New Internal Assignment
    - Select the team from the Team drop down list
    - Click on the Save button
    - o Click on the Incident Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window
  - If the last assignment is to you and you are going to work the incident, then:
    - Click on that assignment row
    - Click on the edit Pencil
    - Click on the Accept button
    - Click on the Save button
    - Click on the Incident Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window



### While you are working on an incident:

- To create a journal record that will send an email to the customer
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the Journals tab
  - On the Category field drop down, select 'Customer Communication'
  - Enter into the Narrative field the information you want sent to the customer, make sure you spell check your typing.
  - Click the Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window
- To create a journal to record what you have done on the incident, this will not be sent to the customer
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the Journals tab
  - o On the Category field drop down, select 'Internal Communication'
  - Enter into the Narrative field the information you want sent to the customer, make sure you spell check your typing.
  - o Click the Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window
- To 'Resolve' the incident
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the Close Pending tab
  - o Enter a descriptive resolution for the customer
  - Click the 'Change status to Resolved' button
  - Click the Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window
  - Note: the resolution you entered will be copied to the 'Closed information sent to customer' field on the Close tab.
  - Note: the status of the incident must be 'Active' before you can 'Resolve' an incident.
- To 'Unresolve' or 'Change back to Active' the incident
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the Close Pending tab
  - Enter a descriptive information for the customer
  - Click the 'Change status back to Active' button
  - Click the Save icon (diskette) at the top of the window
  - Note: the 'Closed information sent to customer' field on the Close tab will be blanked out.
  - Note: the status of the incident must be 'Resolved' before you can 'Unresolve' an incident.
- To add an attachment to the incident
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the Attachments tab
  - Click on New Attachment
  - Select the file
  - Click Open
- To view an attachment on a incident
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the Attachments tab
  - Double click on the row with the attachment you want to see
- To add an additional email address to the incident
  - Go to the incident
  - o Click on the Additional Email Address tab



- If there is already an email address in `Email Address(s)' then you need to first add a `; ` after the last email address before entering the email address you want.
   If none, then just enter the email address you want.
- To view the linked incidents
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the # of Linked Incidents tab
  - Click on a row
  - Click on the green icon with an arrow, this will bring up a separate window with the linked incident. Closing this window will take you back to the Lead incident.
  - Linking and unlinking of incidents needs to be done by the Enterprise Service Desk only.
- To close the incident
  - Go to the incident
  - Click on the assignment tab
  - Click on the assignment row of your assignment
  - Click the edit pencil
  - Click the complete button
  - Click the save button
  - Click the close tab
  - o Change the Service Name and/or Config Item if needed
  - o Enter a descriptive resolution to the customer
  - Select an underlying cause
  - If the current date time is beyond the SLO date time then you need to select a 'Why was the SLO missed?'
  - o If you need to override when the incident was created or closed, do so.
  - Click the incident save icon
  - Click the guick close icon (red with x)
  - Click the incident save icon



## **Appendix B - Priority Matrix**

Incidents reported to the Enterprise Service Desk will follow a Priority Matrix. The Enterprise Service Desk will work with customers to identify the *Impact* that an incident has on their core business and the *Urgency* desired for its resolution. All incidents will be assessed a priority based upon the following matrix.

- **Urgency** is an assessment of the speed with which an Incident needs resolution.
- Impact reflects the likely effect the Incident will have upon core business services.

Together, *Urgency* and *Impact* are blended to assign the *Priority* of an incident.

The Phone of St.	nduct core	HIGH  Cannot conduct core business	MEDIUM  Restricts ability to conduct business	LOW  Does not significantly impede business
7 R (	HIGH Requires immediate attention	1	2	3
<b>0 ■ 2</b>	MEDIUM  Requires resolution in near future	2	3	4
Y	LOW  Does not require significant urgency	3	4	5



## **Appendix C - Service Level Objectives**

All incidents are assigned a priority based upon their impact and urgency. (See the above Priority Matrix). That priority is used to drive the Enterprise Service Desk's commitment to customers. Our **Service Level Objectives** for Incident Management will be:

Туре	Effort until Resolved/Contained	Final Resolution
Quick Fix	First Call Resolution, 24/7	15 minutes
Major Incident	Requires immediate attention, 24/7	2 hours
Priority 1	Requires immediate attention, 24/7	2 hours
Priority 2	Requires immediate attention, 24/7	4 hours
Priority 3	Business hours	9 hours (1 day)
Priority 4	Business hours	27 hours (3 days)
Priority 5	Business hours	45 hours (1 week)

("Business hours" are 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday; excluding state holidays.)

Managing customer expectations is the key! Therefore, if a Service Level Objective cannot be met, then communication with the customer is essential for achieving their overall satisfaction.

There is a significant difference between Resolution and Closure. There may also be Differences in Time between the initial resolution, the final resolution, and the incident lifecycle.

#### **Target**

**Incident resolution is not an exact science.** Therefore, the Enterprise Service Desk goal is that 90% of incidents will meet their Service Level Objectives.

Regardless, the Enterprise Service Desk is committed to managing customer expectations. If a Service Level Objective cannot be met, the Enterprise Service Desk will work with customer to report the status of the incident and to reassess their expectation for resolution.

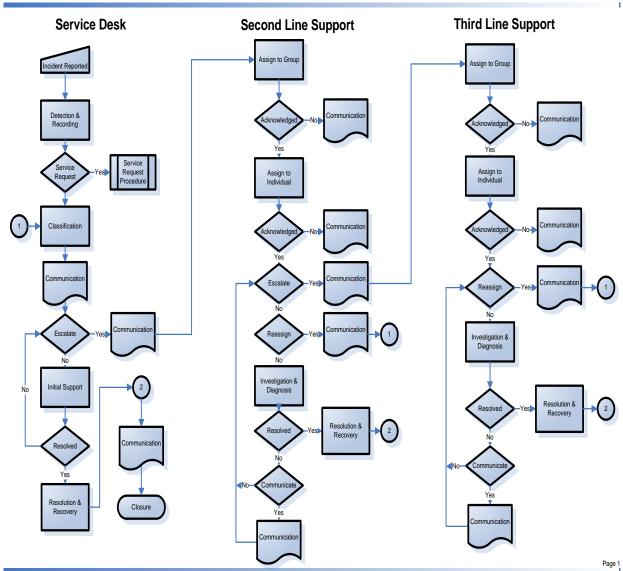
ITD's ability to set, manage, and deliver on customer expectations is critical to our "customer-centric" spirit!



## **Appendix D - Incident Management Process Flowchart**

- o About Incident Management
  - Incident Management identifies events causing service interruptions or reduction in the quality of service. The goal of Incident Management is to restore normal service quickly and reduce the impact on the business operations.
- Working with Incidents
  - Incident Workflow







## Appendix E - What's New in ITSM v6.x

- Dashboard / Grid
  - Back button in dashboard parts drill down; when a user drills down from a dashboard part, they
    can use the back button defined in the dashboard part to go back to the parent level.
  - Picking grid columns with persistent changes; users can pick the columns they want to see. They
    can also hide the columns difined in the grid.
- Field Options

A red asterisk will be to the right of a field if they are mandatory.

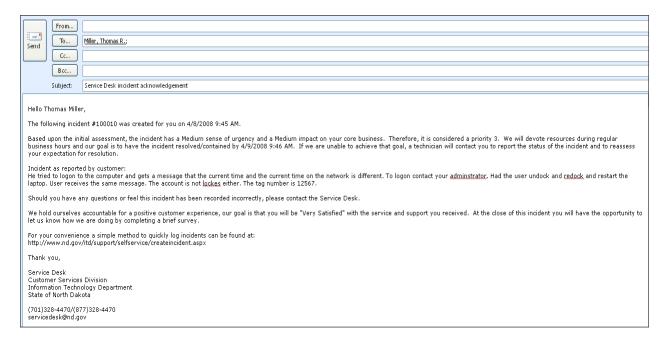
- General
  - o Click-Once installer; auto-deploy installer has been updated to Click-Once. With click-once the start up time is much faster.
  - o Hot key for home screen; users can now access their home screen using a hot key.
  - Microsoft Standard context menu; supports the right-click standard menu in the controls. The supported items are: Cut, Copy, Paste, and Select all.
  - o Spellchecker is enabled; right click in any text field.
  - o Dropdown data fields will start to fill as you enter data.
- System Requirements
  - o Support for Microsoft Vista is added.
  - o Firefox is supported; using the Firefox Browser 2.0.0.4 or above.



## Appendix F - Outgoing email messages

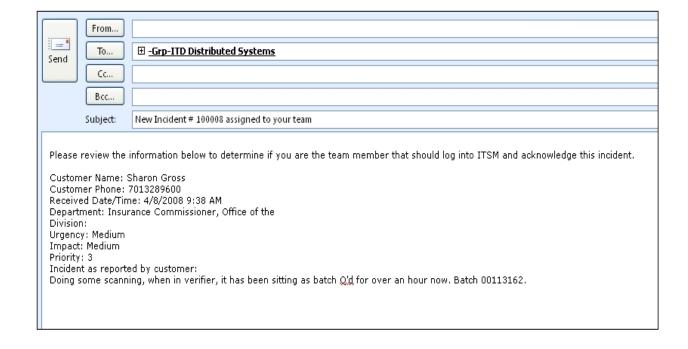
## **Acknowledgement to Customer -**

After the incident has been entered, the system will auto generate an email back to the customer showing their incident number, date/time received, SLO date/time and description as entered by the Analyst.



#### Assignment to a team -

Email sent when an assignment is created to a group.

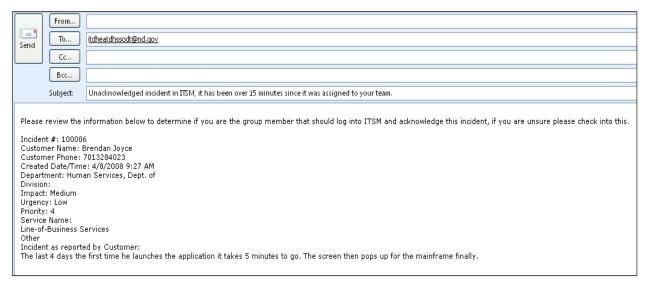




#### 15 minute unacknowledgement to a Team -

When an assignment to a Team goes unacknowledged for more than 15 minutes this email is sent

to that Team asking someone to look into it.

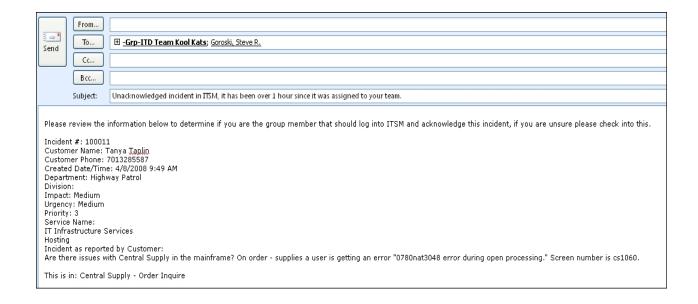


## 60 minute unacknowledgement to a Team -

When an assignment to a Team goes unacknowledged for more than 60 minutes this email is sent

to that Team, their division director, their supervisor and the Service Desk asking someone to look

into it.

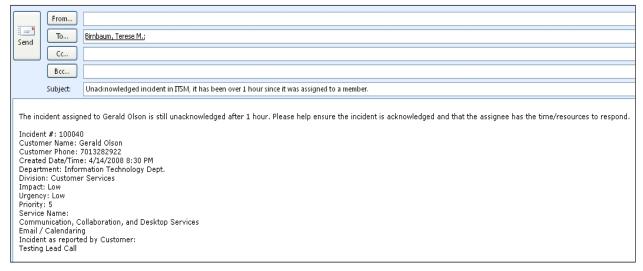




## 60 minute unacknowledgement to an Individual -

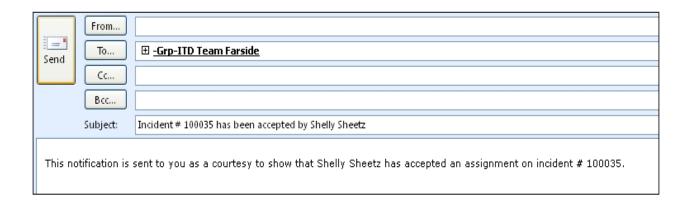
When an assignment to an Individual goes unacknowledged for more than 60 minutes this email is

sent to that person, the Service Desk and the person who made the assignment.



#### **Team Acknowledgement -**

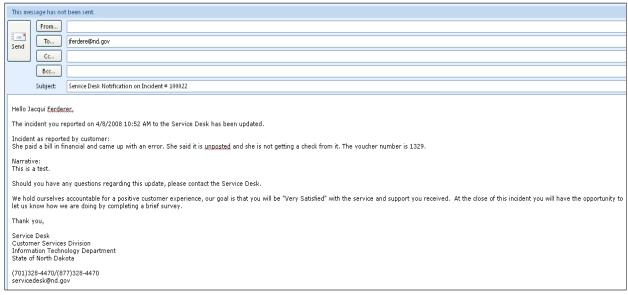
Team assignment is accepted by a member.





#### New journal record created -

When a journal record has been created with the category type of 'Customer Communication', the following email message will be sent. Note: Journal Notes with category of 'Internal Communication' will not be sent to anyone.



#### Incident closed email to customer -

When an incident is closed an email is sent to the customer with the closed description along with a link to take a short survey.

